

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

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15. (New) A riding stirrup comprising:

- (a) a hanger rod adapted to be received in stirrup leathers for suspending the stirrup from a western equestrian saddle;
- (b) a stirrup loop connected to the hanger rod at both ends of the hanger rod and defining a stirrup opening;
- (c) an elongated base support tread at a bottom portion of the stirrup loop and spaced apart from the hanger rod, the elongated base support tread having a longitudinal center axis extending at a slant with respect to a stirrup centerline, the stirrup centerline extending substantially perpendicular to the hanger rod, substantially through a mid point of the hanger rod, and through the elongated base support tread; and
- (d) wherein the elongated base support tread is slanted with respect to the hanger rod such that the shortest distance between an inner tread end of the elongated base support tread and the longitudinal axis of the hanger rod is less than the shortest distance between an outer tread end of the elongated base support tread and the longitudinal axis of the hanger rod.

16. (New) The riding stirrup according to Claim 15 wherein:

- (a) an upper surface of the elongated base support tread defines an inner angle with the stirrup centerline at an inward side of the stirrup centerline;

- (b) the upper surface of the elongated base support tread defines an outer angle with the stirrup centerline at an outward side of the stirrup centerline; and
 - (c) the inner angle is less than the outer angle.
- 17. (New) The riding stirrup according to claim 16 wherein the outer angle comprises an obtuse angle and the inner angle comprises an acute angle.
- 18. (New) The riding stirrup according to claim 17 wherein the upper surface of the elongated base support tread is substantially planar.
- 19. (New) The riding stirrup according to Claim 15 further including:
 - (a) an interior side member connected to the hanger rod; and
 - (b) an exterior side member connected to the hanger rod; and
 - (c) wherein a lower portion of the interior side member diverges from a lower portion of the exterior side member along the stirrup centerline in the direction from the hanger rod to the elongated base support tread.
- 20. (New) The riding stirrup of Claim 15 wherein the stirrup centerline extends substantially through a mid point of the elongated base support tread.